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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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Hongkong, March 13, 1897. 516

Intimations.

NOTICE.

A Special SESSION of HER MAJESTY'S JUSTICES of the PEACE will be held in the JUSTICES' ROOM, at the Magistracy at 2.15 o'clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 23rd day of March, A.D. 1897, for the purpose of considering an application from one SOPHY ABRAMOVITZ, for a Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating Liquors on the premises situate at Nos. 45 and 47, Queen's Road East, under the Sign of 'THE PRINCE ALBERT HOTEL.'

WM. C. H. HASTINGS,
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MAGISTRACY,
Hongkong, 13th March, 1897. 532

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Intimations.

GEO. FENWICK AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Eighth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 19th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 19th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. WINTERBURN,
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 11, 1897. 505

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fourteenth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 22nd Instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 4, 1897. 452

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 22nd March, at Twelve-thirty p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ending 31st December, 1896, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 22nd Instant, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers,

Hongkong, March 18, 1897. 523

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1896, in order that the Distribution of BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March Instant, will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and NO CLAIMS or ALTERATIONS will be subsequently Admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

Hongkong, March 1, 1897. 431

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

MEMBERS wishing to enter for the above will find LISTS on which to enter their names in the HONGKONG CLUB and in the CRICKET PAVILION.

Entries will CLOSE on the 20th MARCH.

Hongkong, March 11, 1897. 509

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN Accordance with the Provision of No. 19, of the Articles of Association, the General Managers, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, have THIS DAY Declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of 4 per Cent. for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1896, on the Paid-up Capital of the Company.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS PAYABLE on TUESDAY, 23rd Instant, will be issued to Shareholders.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 23rd Instant, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 12, 1897. 509

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Nineteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, at Noon, on SATURDAY, 17th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1897. 469

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Fifteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder Street, at 12.30 p.m., on SATURDAY, 27th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st Dec., 1896.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March, 1897, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, March 6, 1897. 468

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Hongkong, March 15, 1897. 431

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ONE COTTAGE PIANO by W. ROBINSON, New.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.
On view from *Wednesday*, the 17th March.
TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
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Hongkong, March 16, 1897. 510

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On view from *Friday*, the 19th March.
TERMS of SALE:—As Customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
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Hongkong, March 15, 1897. 535

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Hongkong, March 17, 1897. 484

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Hongkong, March 17, 1897. 551

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION with reference to the HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS GUN PRACTICE, Advertised in the *China Mail* of the 12th, 13th and 16th Instant, to take place on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, is hereby cancelled.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1897. 542

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell, by Public Auction, at his Sales Rooms, 2, Zetland Street, on

SATURDAY,

the 20th March, 1897, commencing at 2.30 p.m.,

A LARGE QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE AND USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
(Removed from the Peak and elsewhere for convenience).

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BOOKS, FRENCH NOVELS, ETC.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale.
On view from *Friday*, 19th Instant.
TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 17, 1897. 549

ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1897.

A MEETING of SUBSCRIBERS to ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1897, will be held in the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, 23rd March, at 5 p.m., to receive and pass the Accounts and to determine what shall be done with the Balance.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 17, 1897. 547

CITY HALL,

A HURRICANE ATTRACTION COMING!

19—STAR ARTISTS—19.

RETURN AFTER AN ABSENCE OF SEVEN YEARS.
GRAND OPENING PERFORMANCE,
SATURDAY EVENING,
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Doors Open at 8.30. Smiling Begins at 9.15.

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AN
ORGAN RECITAL
WILL BE GIVEN BY
MR. A. G. WARD,
IN
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
ON
MONDAY,
March 22nd, at 5.15 *p.m.*

VOCALIST:—MR. D. K. SLIMAN.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

COLOMA, American barque, Captain U. M. Noyes.—Captain.

EURYDICE, British ship, Captain Jas. W Knox.—Captain.

FALLS OF DEE, British 4-masted ship, Captain J. H. Lock.—Standard Oil Co.

TAM O'SHANTER, American ship, Captain L. D. Smith.—Master.

TORRISDALE, British 4-masted barque, Capt. R. Buchanan.—Standard Oil Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
March 16:—

Namoa, British steamer, 862, T. Hall, Foochow March 14, and Amoy 15, General. —DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

March 17:—

Taiwan, British str., from Canton.

Hailoong, British str., 783, W. Davis, Swatow March 16, General. — DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Oslo, Norwegian str., 778, Chr. Peterson, Bangkok March 10, Rice and General.—WIELER & Co.

Archer, British cruiser, 1,770, C. J. Kingsmill, Amoy March 15.

Machias, American cruiser, 1,360, Mackenzie, Bangkok March 13.

Cheang Chew, British str., 1,213, Fred. Webb, Penang March 7, and Singapore 10, General.—HING SENG CHANG.

Java, British steamer, 2,632, J. Chellew, R.N.R., Yokohama March 3, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CLEARED.

Decima, for Saigon.
Loyal, for Iloilo.
Mongkut, for Swatow.
Hiroshima Maru, for Singapore and Bombay.
Idzumi Maru, for Kobe.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Australian Ports	Menmuir (s)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	March 25, daylight.
Australian Ports	Tokio Maru (s.)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	March 26, at 4 p.m.
Bremen and Hamburg	Maria Rickmers (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	March 26.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	March 30, at 9 a.m.
Japan	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 26, at noon.
Kobé	Brindisi (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 19, at noon.
Kobé and Yokohama	Idzumi Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	March 18, at noon.
Kobe and Yokohama	Kioto Maru (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About March 19.
Kudat and Sandakan	Deucalion (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 20, at 3 p.m.
London, v. Ports of Call	Kaisar-i-Hind (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 25, at noon.
London, v. Marseilles.	Kinshiu Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	April 3, at 4 p.m.
London	Java (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	March 19, at noon.
London	Ceylon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About April 3.
London, v. Suez Canal	Nestor (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 22.
Manila	Sungkiang (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 19, at 4 p.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y'ma	Yamashiro Maru (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	March 19, at noon.
Nagasaki & Wla'stock	Jacob Diederichsen (s)	Melchers & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Breconshire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	About April 8.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Doric (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	April 1, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	City of Peking (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	March 23, at noon.
San Francisco	Falls of Dee	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco	Coloma	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Thames (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 21.
S'hai, N'ki, K'be & Y'ma	Japan (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About March 20.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Arratoon Apcar (s).	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Mar. 20, at 3 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Hailoong (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	March 19, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Victoria (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	March 23, at noon.
Trieste, &c.	Maria Valerie (s)	Sander & Co.	March 19.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	April 7, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Chittagong (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	March 27.
Yokohama	Taiwan Maru (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About March 20.

DEPARTURES.
March 17:—

Empress of Japan, for Vancouver, B.C.
Oceanien, for Europe, &c.
Krim, for Amoy.
Strathleven, for Singapore and New York.
Nord, for Taiwanfoo.
Foochow, for Swatow.
Oanfa, for Shanghai.
Hailan, for Hoihow.
Glenavon, for Shanghai.
Zafiro, for Amoy.
Guadalquiver, for Shanghai.
Amara, for Saigon.
Taiwan, for Iloilo.
Sullberg, for Chefoo.
Federation, for Takao.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Namoa*, from Coast Ports, 19 Chinese.

Per *Hailoong*, from Swatow, 2 Japanese gentlemen and 57 Chinese.

Per *Oslo*, from Bangkok, 35 Chinese.

Per *Cheang Chew*, from Penang, 662 Chinese.

Per *Java*, from Yokohama, 943 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Salazie*, from Hongkong: for Shanghai, Mrs J. M. Guedes, Mrs L. Castro and 2 children, Mr T. E. Pereira, Misses K. and Z. Pereira, Mr and Mrs J. M. Collaco, Messrs L. Marciel, H. A. Pereira and child, Mr and Mrs H. Feenlich, Sister Agata Vender, Revs. Lonmondois and Joubert, Misses Xavier and M. H. S Gdansky; for Kobe, Revs. Cotin and Muz, Messrs J. T. Tusson and G. J. Smith; for Yokohama, 1 Chinese. From Marseilles: for Shanghai, Messrs David Gubbay, R. W. Mansfield, Oliphant, Ricard, Destelan, Raphael Favias, Bartolini, Gumpell, Simoneff, Rosher, Mgr. Benjamin, Mr and Mrs Lan, Mrs Zodelins and child, 7 Missionaries and 2 Chinese; for Japan, Messrs Tida, Bradley, Sato, Tuwa, Filden, Irrata, Giacomo Kleule, Takeskiki, Yamaguchi, Legrand, Gille, Johnson, Kondo, Rouxel, Andjganne, Mille, Chauvet, Sers, Mr and Mrs Lefeire, 2 children and maid, Mr and Mas Faga, Mr and Mrs Steimann and child, Major Byxbee, and 2 Steerage.

Per *Oceanien*, for Saigon, Messrs G. Mabé and Liao Pak How, Rev. Misnur, and 15 Chinese; for Singapore, Messrs J. M. Lyon, Chen Yuk Che, M. Marti, and D. Pellicer, Mrs Chik Wan, 2 Chinese and 2 Japanese; for Colombo, Ah Sing.

Per *Empress of Japan*, for Shanghai, Mrs Hagan, Messrs Quincey, R. S. Clinton, P. de Gunzburg, and Dempster; for Kobe, Col. and Mrs Coler, Mrs and Misses Todd (3), Messrs Colville, McCaw, Orrell, Prophit, H. E. Tomkins, J. R. Stanley, Col. Fukushima, and Prof. H. Sharp; for Yokohama, Mr and Mrs W. D. Graham, Mrs Sharp, Mrs Allen, Mrs Seager, Mr and Mrs Dickinson, Misses Dickinson (3), Messrs B. Webster, Dickinson, Stead, Henry, Clayton, Wong Sick Yuen, Loo Low Shong, and Dr Bell; for Victoria, Miss Chun Tie Ho; for San Francisco, Rev. and Mrs G. T. Stone; for Seattle, Mr Hy West; for Port Townsend, Mr, Mrs and Miss Eng Jay; for New York, Mrs Lurman and Mr Frick; for Chicago, Mr and Mrs C. Bane and 2 children, Dr Gee, and Mr Wo Chan; for Nashville, Messrs Kee Ow Yang, and Chan Cheong; for Montreal, Mrs D. W. Craddock and infant; for Toronto, Rev. and Mrs N. Russel and 2 children, Miss McKellar; for London, Mr, Mrs and Miss Edwards, Miss Pearson, Mr and Mrs Hotchkin, Miss L. E. Falkiner, Miss M. G. Wilson, Mrs Blackman, Mr, Mrs and Misses (2) Martin, Mr and Mrs E. P. Gueritz, Miss L. E. Ramsay, Count E. Zwe Lippe, Maj.-General Cherry, Messrs J. M. Beattie, M. Mumford, S. Nicholson, Cowley Clarke, J. W. Jackson, W. L. Muir, A. R. Dunlop, H. S. Jefferson, J. A. Connell, D. K. Cumming, and R. Lhoest; for Bremen, Dr Jaffé.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Namoa* reports: From Foochow, moderate breeze N.E., fine. From Amoy, light variable wind and fine. Steamer in Foochow: *Fooksang*. Steamer in Amoy: *Cheang Hock Kian*.

The British steamer *Hailoong* reports: Fresh N.E. monsoon, dull cloudy weather. Steamer in Swatow: *Thales*.

The British steamer *Cheang Chew* reports: Light N.E. wind, and fine weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—

For KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA. B.C., PORTLAND, OREGON.—
Per *Chittagong*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 20th March.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.—
Per *A. Apcar*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 20th March.

For KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA WASH.—
Per *Victoria*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 23rd March.

For THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.—
Per *Tokio Maru*, Registration at 3 p.m., Letters at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 26th March.

For EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN.—
Per *Sachsen*, Registration at 7.30 a.m., Letters at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, the 30th March. (Late Letters 8.10 to 8.30 a.m.)

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *City of Peking* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
10 A.M. Registry ceases.
11 A.M. Post Office closes.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet *Kaiser-i-Hind* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 25th March, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office decline all responsibility for unregistered Letters containing bank notes, coin, or jewellery, and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters (Post Guide, Par 80)

REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered for all Private Ship mails up to five minutes before the time for closing; for the Shanghai or Japan contract mails up to a quarter of an hour before; for mails for Europe, America, and Canada, &c., up to an hour before; for Indian, Northern Pacific, and Torres Straits mails, up to half an hour before.

LOCAL DELIVERIES.—Separate Boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon and the Peak. The Boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah facing Queen's Road.

Letters, parcels, &c., for Kowloon Point and Steamers in Harbour may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Letters *from* Kowloon Point may be posted in the Letter Box which has been placed in the Police Compound outside the Charge Room up to 12 and 4 o'clock, and in the Pillar Box at the Wharf. Local Rates will be charged. To avoid robbery, senders of letters *from* Kowloon are requested to cancel their stamps by writing the word *stamped* across them. Covers containing Bank Notes, &c., should be registered. No Sunday delivery.

Letters, &c., for the Peak will be delivered by the 12 and 3.30 o'clock trams only. Correspondence and Parcels for the Peak may be posted in the General Post Office up to 11.30 a.m. or 3 p.m. or in the letter boxes in the cars till time of departure. With regard to letters from the Peak, Pillar boxes have been placed at Magazine Gap, Victoria Gap, Mount Kellett, Mount Gough, and Plantation Road, which will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, March 17, 1897.

OPIUM—	New Patna,	cash,...	653¾
,,	Old ,,	cash,	676⅞
,,	New Benares,	cash,	660
,,	Old ,,	cash,...	—
,,	New Malwa,	credit,	760/780
	Allowance,	Taels,...	8/36
,,	Old Malwa,	credit,	790/800
	Allowance,	Taels,...	8/36
,,	Persian, Oily,	cash,.	—
	Allowance,	Taels,...	—
,,	Persian, Paper tied		570/600
	Allowance,	Taels, ...	—

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.02	30.11	29.98
Temperature	69	66	64
Humidity	70	79	84
Direction of Wind	E	E	E
Force	1	4	4
Weather	c	c	o
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 16th........ 70
Lowest open air temperature on the 16th........ 60

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant.*
Hongkong Observatory, March 17, 1897.

Temperature.

(*Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.*)

HONGKONG, March 17, 1897.

BAROMETER—	9 A.M.	...	30.08
Do.	1 P.M.	...	29.96
Do.	4 P.M.	...	29.92
THERMOMETER—	9 A.M.	...	67
Do.	1 P.M.	...	68
Do.	4 P.M.	...	68
Do. (Wet bulb)	9 A.M.	...	64
Do. Do.	1 P.M.	...	64
Do. Do.	4 P.M.	...	64
Do. Maximum		...	68
Do. Minimum overnight		...	55

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK.—
Per *Mongkut*, at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 18th March.

For KOBE & YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Idzumi Maru*, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 18th March.

For TIENTSIN.—
Per *Kwongsang*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th March.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Hailoong*, at 5 p.m., on Thursday, the 18th March.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Java*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 19th March.

For KOBE.—
Per *Brindisi*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 19th March.
Per *Helene Rickmers*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 20th March.

For NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
Per *Yamashiro Maru*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 19th March.
Per *Verona*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 26th March.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Idzumi Maru* leaves for Kobe.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture, &c., at No. 22, Caine Road, or Lower Mosque Terrace, near No. 9, Police.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Preceptory.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 19:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ld., at the Hongkong Hotel.
Goods per *Glenavon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 20:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Rare Old Chinese Porcelain, Embroideries and Curios, at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Paul Brewitt's.
9.15 p.m.—Entertainment at the City Hall.

MONDAY, March 22:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China and Manilla Steamship Co., Ld., at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Green Island Cement Co., Ld., at the Company's Office, No. 9, Praya Central.
5.15 p.m.—Organ Recital, in St. John's Cathedral.

TUESDAY, March 23:—
5 p.m.—Meeting of Subscribers to St. George's Ball, at City Hall.
Goods per Steamer *Salazie* unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.
Goods per *Oanfa* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, March 26:—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Eothen Mark Lodge.

SATURDAY, March 27:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ld., at the Company's Offices.
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ld., at the Company's Offices, Peddar Street.
Athletic Sports of Victoria Recreation Club.

Exchange

HONGKONG, March 17, 1897.

On London—	
Bank, Wire,	2/0
,, On demand,	2/0 1/16
,, 30 days' sight,	2/0⅛
,, 4 months' sight,	2/0 3/16
Credits, 4 ,, ,,	2/0¼
Documentary, 4 months' sights,	2/0¼
On Paris—	
On demand,	2.53
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2.57
On Berlin—Demand,	2.05
On New York—	
On demand,	49
Credits, 60 days' sight,	50
On Bombay—	
Wire,	159½
On demand,	160
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	159½
On demand,	160
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	72
30 days' sight, (private paper)	72¾
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)	$51.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$ 9.87
Silver (per oz.)	28 1/16 d.

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GINGERADE

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A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, July 4, 1896. 1387

MARRIAGE.

On the 6th March, at St. Andrews' Cathedral, Singapore, by the Ven. Archdeacon Perham, Miss FANNY SYKES, of Ilkley, Yorkshire, to Mr ROBERT WATSON DUNN, of Singapore.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1897.

A RECENT article in the *Times of Ceylon* dealing with the question of the China tea trade has attracted considerable attention in the China coast ports, where exception is taken to some of the deductions drawn by the *Times* from an interview with one of our Chinese tea buyers, and who made the somewhat astonishing statement that the use of machinery made no alteration whatever in the flavour of China tea. Experiments in this direction have so far been too limited to justify such a dictum, and the interviewed one was probably unaware that only a few years ago, with some simple machinery, a China tea was—by Mr Pinches, an Indian planter on a visit to China—prepared in the Indian way, sent to Calcutta to be reported upon, and there valued by the brokers, who knew not whence it came, as a very high grade Indian tea. In more recent days the Foochow Tea Improvement Company (a small company with a high-sounding title, but with earnest men connected with it) have shown that, *if desirable*, the China flavour, once so dear to English palates, can be eliminated, and this before they have erected machinery of any kind, and merely by making some trifling alteration in the manipulation of the leaf in its earliest stages of fermentation—in fact, without any amended cultivation and without any patent rolling and firing machines. Until far more extended experiments have been made in China as to what can and what cannot be done with altered methods of cultivation and the introduction of machinery, the *Times of Ceylon* is a little adrift in stating that under no circumstances can Ceylon-flavoured tea be produced in China. It is true that some of the existing tea districts in China are worn out and incapable of producing either a good or profitable tea under any circumstances, but at the same time it must be borne in mind that China is a large country, and that she probably contains as many square miles of suitable virgin tea lands as there are square acres of such in Ceylon. That, in the present benighted state of affairs, China can continue her tea trade at all is an open question. With likin and duty on their present scale it is more than doubtful that she can do so. With these two factors eliminated, in ten years she would probably be the sole tea-producing country in the world, as she once was even in the memory of man, and our good friends in Ceylon would do well to bear this in mind. There are many changes being wrought in China; those who guide her destinies may, even sooner than is generally anticipated, assist rather than thwart what ought to be her really most important industry, and then let other tea-producing countries look to themselves. If the Chinese Government saw fit to treat the tea industry of China as the British Government treats the tea industry of India and Ceylon she would actually collect more revenue; and by bringing money and imports into what are now semi-starved or half-depopulated districts, check the seeds of a rebellion that will result in her elimination as an Empire. China's statesmen are alive to the fact at last, and they may possibly take such prompt measures to save her tea trade as will give the *Times of Ceylon* something more to think of than the detail fact as to whether the precise flavour that they obtain on their teas in Ceylon can be imitated in China. Experts would probably advise China not to alter the flavour of her teas in imitation of Ceylon—the product of that island is doing for England what absinthe has done for France, so far as the health and physique of the population is concerned; pure China tea always was and always will be a wholesome beverage. No one can advance the same in reference to Ceylons. The point that China has to look to is that Ceylon tea is a cheap beverage, and China tea a comparatively dear one. Take off duty, likin, abolish steamer conferences, allow free use of machinery, fix a modest price for Government lands, and China will put a better and cheaper tea in London than ever Ceylon has done, and also her population will be the richer and increase their import buying power by very many millions of taels.

MARQUIS ITO is thought by some to be a more likely special Envoy to England in connection with the Diamond Jubilee than Marquis Yamagata. The former desires a western trip, and the latter is rather fearful of more travel in his present state of health.—*Hiogo News.*

THE Peking correspondent of the *Mercury* writes:—As the spring comes with its milder days we hope there will be greater mildness in the affairs of the Empire, but with it a re-awakening. The winter has been quiet enough, the Chinese being more than ever determined to do nothing. Little is said about the Treaty between China and Russia, but the prevailing notion among the Chinese is that Russia has become dominant and can do as she pleases. Anyway China does not intend to oppose her northern neighbour.

NEW PIANO and Organ Repairing Materials and Machinery just to hand; also the latest Music. W. ROBINSON & Co.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.
(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Cyrus*, *Dordogne*, Feb. 2nd; *Kanagawa*, 5th; *Benlarig*, *St. Giles*, *St. Jerome*, 16th; *Hertha*, *Japan*, *Asloun*, *Ceres*, 19th; *Ellen Rickmers*, *Tosa Maru*, 23rd; *Pathan*, *Anping*, *Sophie Rickmers*, *Taunus*, 26; *Gisela*, *Glenshiel*, *Benedick*, *Orestes*, *Merionethshire*, *Teucer*, *Yangtse*, March 2; *Aden*, *Sarpedon*, *Taishun*, 5th; *Mogul*, *Elizabeth Rickmers*, *Takao*, *Tancarville*, 12th; *Kaisow*, 15th; *Bayern*, *Antenor*, *Yamaguchi Maru*, 16th.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Sydney*, Feb. 26th; *Erigga*, *Marquis Bacquehem*, March 2nd; *Turbo*, *Formosa*, *Morven*, 9th; *Natal*, 12th; *Senta*, 16th.

Mails.

The P. M. s. s. *China*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 4th March.

The O. & O. s. s. *Doric*, with the AMERICAN MAIL, of 23rd Feb., left Yokohama on Sunday, the 14th March, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 22nd March.

Steamers Expected.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. *Maria Valerie* left Kobe for this port on the afternoon of the 13th March.

The D. D. R. steamer *Erato*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 12th March, and may be expected here on or about the 18th March.

The Norw. s. s. *Aladdin*, from New York, left Singapore for Hongkong on the morning of the 13th March, and may be expected here on or about the 20th March.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. *Japan*, left Singapore for this port on the 14th March, at 8 a.m.

The R. L. Co.'s str. *Ellen Rickmers*, from Middlesbro', Antwerp, and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 22nd Feb., and may be considered due at this port on or about the 22nd March.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Kintuck*, from Glasgow and Liverpool passed the Canal on the 1st March, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 22nd March.

The N. G. I. s. s. *Bisagno* left Bombay for this port on the 9th March, and may be expected here on or about the 29th March.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Olympia* sailed from Tacoma on the 26th Feb. via Japan.

The s. s. *Elisabeth Rickmers* from Middlesbro', Antwerp, Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 13th March, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 2nd April.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Kaisow*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 15th March, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 13th April.

The O. R. & N. Pacific s. s. *Mount Lebanon* left Portland, O., on the 7th March.

Latest Advices.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Thames* left Singapore for this port on the morning of 17th March at 6 a.m., with the outward English mail, and is expected here about 8 a.m. on the 22nd March.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s. s. *Empress of China*, from Vancouver, arrived at Kobe at 7 a.m. on the morning of 17th March, and left again at 10.30 a.m. on the same day for Nagasaki.

TOKIO has declared Moji an infected port, presumably for smallpox.

SIR Claude Macdonald is expected to pay a visit to Foochow this month.

IN spite of official reports to the contrary, it appears that Bangkok is not yet free of rinderpest.

THE regimental reliefs for 1897-8 include the transfer of the 1st batt. West Yorkshire Regt., from Hongkong to Singapore.

CAPTAIN Tipple, late of the *Himeji-maru*, has joined Mr G. F. Pope in taking over the business of Mr Palmer, Ships' Compradore, &c., in Yokohama.

THE *China Gazette* reports that the first steamer to reach Taku from Shanghai was the *Kingsing* (Capt. Young), the *Tungchow* (Capt. Hughes) being second.

MR Stanley Spencer is travelling eastward with his captive balloon. He had got as far as Singapore on the 9th inst. The Hongkong public may soon have the opportunity of experiencing the sensation of being 'up in a balloon.'

H. M. S. *Archer* met such bad weather on the 7th inst. that she had her bowsprit and figurehead carried away on the voyage from Yokohama to Nagasaki. In her last trip hence to Yokohama the *Archer* lost her bowsprit in a similar gale, and almost in the same spot.

THE band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks to-night (St. Patrick's Night):—

1.—Overture ... 'Di Ballo' ... *Sullivan.*
2.—Jig ... 'St. Patrick's Day' ... *Julius Benedict.*
3.—Fantasia ... 'Erin' ... *Basquit.*
4.—Valse ... 'Kate Kearney' ... *Coote.*
5.—Duet ... 'Excelsior' ... *Balfe.*
6.—Reminiscences of Bellini ... *F. Godfrey.*
Wm. Geo. Bentley, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

A MEETING of British subjects was held at Kobe on the 5th inst. to consider what steps should be taken to celebrate the Queen's 'Diamond Jubilee.' The following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr Baggallay, seconded by Mr. Abell,—'That the Queen's Diamond Jubilee be celebrated by the British residents of this port in some suitable way; that the celebration take the form of an Evening Fete with entertainments of various kinds, illuminations, &c., as well as a Special Entertainment for Children; and that all details be left to Committees to be appointed by this meeting. Eight Committees were appointed to carry out the arrangements.

W. ROBINSON & Co., Piano and Musical Instrument specialists and experts. Workshop and Factory, Duddell St.; Show Rooms, Queen's Road Central.

DURING the absence of the King of Siam in Europe and America, the Second Queen—mother of the present Crown Prince—will act as Regent.

H.M.S. *Archer*, which arrived from Japan to-day, coals to-morrow and leaves for Manila on the arrival of the next English mail. The *Swift* has left Manila for Hongkong to pay off. H.M.S. *Grafton* will sail for Manila to-morrow.

THE Gourlays (Hudson's Surprise Party) will, on Saturday evening, play their original sketch entitled 'That Awful Girl.' The sketch is full of life and very amusing. Patrons should not miss this on the opening night.

ON the arrival of the steamer *Oslo* at Bangkok from Hongkong on the 3rd inst., the Chief Engineer of the vessel discovered fourteen tins of prepared opium secreted in the engine room. The head-fireman was arrested by the Chief Inspector of the Opium Farm, on suspicion of having attempted to smuggle the drug into Bangkok.

THE French officers who are to assume the direction of the Foochow Arsenal passed through the Colony yesterday by the French mail steamer *Salazie*. The names of the officers are :—M. Doyere and M. Berthet, chief naval engineers; M. David, chief engineer of the *Societe des forges d'Alais*; M. Le Gall and M. Bellot, foremen of hydraulic works.

A FOOTBALL match was played at Bangkok on the 4th inst. between H.M.S. *Pigmy* and a civilian team. The result was a win for the civilians by 3 goals to 0. The *Pigmy* team consisted of :—Goal, Lieut.-Commander C. J. Dormer; left back, F. Gibbins; right back, Lieut. Lowndes; half backs, J. Smith, Stevens, J. Parker; forwards, A. Budd and W. Clark, A. Street, and R. Knagg and J. Street.

A SPECIAL session of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace was held to-day, in the Justices' Room, at the Magistracy, to consider an application from A. Bejanjee for the transfer of his publican's licence for the Peak Hotel to Rustomjee Cowasjee Bamjee, Commander Hastings presided. The Hon. F. H. May, Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr J. Corcoran, Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police, and Mr W. M. B. Arthur were also present. No police objection was raised, and the application was granted.

ON the 13th inst., a very successful tea and concert was given in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute under the auspices of the Victoria Lodge, of H.M.S. *Centurion*, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, the members of which are leaving shortly for England. The rooms were tastefully decorated with flags, and mottos kindly lent for the occasion, and many thanks are due to the committee who arranged for the tea and decorations. Tea was served in good old English style, the tables being presided over by ladies. Presentations were made during the evening to Bro. Cheeseman, D.G.C.T.; Bro. Turner, H.V.D.G.C.T., and Bro. Black, S.D.G.C.T. The concert which followed was rendered by the I.O.G.T. of Hongkong and proved a great success. Bro. Black, S.D.G.C.T., presided. Appended is the programme :—

Glee.....	Excelsior.....	Juvenile Templars.
Song	'Pictures on the Wall'..	Bro. Alexander.
Recitation	'The Coster's Story'.....	,, Cornford.
Song	'The Gunner's Yarn'.....	,, Shepherd.
Song	'The Soldier's Wife'.....	,, Miles.
Solo.....	'Mouth Organ'.....	,, Wyncombe.
Recitation	'The Loss of the Victoria'	,, Freebury.
Song	'Nora'.....	,, Freebury.
Recitation	'Wreck of the Pole Star'	,, Cornford.
Duet	'Deserted by the Moon'	,, Miles & Foster.
Speech ...	'Susie, His Love'.....	,, Todd.
INTERVAL.		
Song	'The Homeland'.....	Sis. Shepherd, I. T.
Song	'Sailing'.....	Bro. Atkins.
Reading..	'Bells'.....	,, Burgoo.
Song	'My Sweetheart'.....	,, Miles.
Solo.....	'Mouth Organ'.....	,, Wyncombe.
Song	'Rustic Bridge'.....	,, Foster.
Recitation	'The Lifeboat'.....	,, Whittacombe.
Song	'Rowing Home'.....	,, Shepherd.
Speech ...	'Farewell'.....	,, Somerville.
Song	'Auld Lang Syne'.....	,, I. O. G. T.

'God save the Queen' brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At *Kowloon*—Kachidate Maru, H.M.S. Centurion, Nanoa, Pronto, Loyal, Hanoi, Doris.

Cosmopolitan—Belgic, Hikosan Maru.

Aberdeen.—(None).

No new developments have occurred in the affairs of Li Hungchang (writes the Peking correspondent of the *Mercury*) except that he has purchased a house and will probably remain here. He continues to attend the Tsungli Yamen day after day, and is always one of the chief spokesmen.

THE Japanese Parliament will be asked by the *Simpoto* to remove the burden laid upon officers of all ranks, in the shape of a percentage upon their salaries towards the expenses of naval construction. The Government is taking 1½ million *yen* from this source, and the tax is to continue until March 1899.

THE members of the Tokyo Club gave a farewell dinner to the Belgian Minister on the 2nd inst. The Ministers for Great Britain, France, the United States, and other countries, with the exception of the Russian and German Ministers, were present, in addition to a number of prominent officials in the Foreign Office.

WITH reference to the application by the Victorian Rifle Association to the Minister for Defence for a Government grant of £2000 to defray the expenses of a team of Victorian riflemen to compete at the Bisley matches in England in July, Mr M'Culloch wrote to the association stating that in the straightened condition of finances of the colony the Treasurer could not spare that sum. From this it is assumed that the Ministry expects the greater part of the money to be subscribed by the public, and if that is done no doubt the Treasurer would then be prepared to find the remainder.

THE OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

The following communication has been forwarded to us for publication from the Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce :—

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,

Hongkong, 17th March, 1897.

Dear Sir,—The following is a copy of a letter from H. B. M.'s Minister at Peking on the subject of the opening of the West River to foreign trade, kindly forwarded by the Government for the information of the Chamber of Commerce :—

(*Copy.*)

Peking, February 19, 1897.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that an agreement was signed here on the 4th instant on behalf of Her Majesty's Government, by which the Chinese Government engage to open the following places, namely, Wuchow Fu in Kwangsi, and Samshui city and Kongkun market as Treaty Ports and Consular Stations, with freedom of navigation for steamers between Samshui and Wuchow and Hongkong and Canton by a route from each of these latter places to be selected and notified in advance by the Imperial Maritime Customs, and also that the following four places shall be established as ports of call for goods and passengers, namely, Kongmoon, Komchuk, Shuihing, and Takhing: the agreement to come into force within four months of signature.

The necessary instructions have already been issued by the Tsung-li Yamên to the Inspector General of the Imperial Maritime Customs, and also to the local authorities of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

(Signed) CLAUDE M. MACDONALD.

His Excellency Sir William. Robinson, K.C.M.G., &c., &c., &c.,
Hongkong.

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30 NEW PIANOS just arrived; best makers. Also Cabin and Transposing Pianos, guaranteed for the climate. W. Robinson & Co.

THE following appointment has been made at the Admiralty :—Chaplain the Rev. E. F. Harrison-Smith, to the *Centurion*, when commissioned, to date 9th February.

THE Governor of the Straits Settlements has appointed the 23rd and 24th June as Public Holidays throughout the colony in commemoration of the completion of the 60th year of the reign of the Queen. All public offices will be closed on those days.

DR NANSEN, the Arctic explorer, was given a tremendous ovation at a banquet given in his honour by the Royal Society Club in London. In concluding a brief speech, Nansen said: 'There is one nation in the world able to finish the work of exploration, and that is the English.'

THE following letter appears in *Truth* :—'House of Commons: Sir,—Mr Arthur Balfour generally sits with his feet resting upon the table, his legs tilted at an angle of 45 deg. Is it possible that the day is approaching when the lady who may then lead Her Majesty's Opposition will sit in a similar attitude facing Mr Balfour?—A CONSERVATIVE M.P.'

ACCORDING to the views of a Japanese who recently returned from Corea, the influence of Japan in that country has fallen to the ground, while that of the Northern Power is steadily on the ascendancy. Though the Russo-Japanese Convention has been published by Count Okuma nothing in favour of Japan has been realized by its clauses. All important positions of the Government are occupied by Russians, directly or indirectly, whereas Japan's share is *nil*. Under these circumstances the so-called convention is nothing more than waste paper.—*Japan Gazette*.

ALARMED by the reported defects already apparent in the Kure and Sasebo Docks, the Moji Dockyard Company held a general meeting a few days ago to consider the advisability of postponing their works. The Chief Engineer, Mr Tsujimura, was able however to offer assurances against any failure of a like nature, and the Company eventually resolved to proceed with the enterprise without delay. Should opportunity offer an expert foreign engineer will be called in consultation.—*Hiogo News*.

ONE is almost inclined to believe that the insertion of the following in the deaths column of the *Daily Chronicle* of Saturday, Feb. 6, was the work of some irrepressible joker :—

'DRINCQBIER.—On the 1st Feb., Cassandra, wife of Ernest Drincqbier, Snargate Street, Dover, and daughter of the late Thomas Bridges Rouse, Trinity Pilot, aged 40.

'DRINKWATER.—On the 2nd Feb., at Kirby, Isle of Man, Elinor Drinkwater, wife of Tho. Decuister, Sir William L. Drinkwater, aged 78.'

THE *Nichi Nichi* states that the Department of Communications has decided to recommend the grant of a special subsidy to the N.Y.K. European and Trans-Pacific lines. It has not been disclosed, adds the Tokyo paper, what is the sum of the proposed subsidy, but the amount applied for by the company is said to be 2,628,048 yen for the European line and 771,288 yen for the Trans-Pacific. The Government is convinced of the necessity for granting the subsidy, but, being unable to bring forward additional estimates, the only course for the Government, if it decides to accede to the proposal, will be to raise a loan. As it is proposed that the contract between the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Government shall be for a term of ten years, the money required exceeds 34 million yen.

'F. A. G.' writes in the *Kobe Chronicle* of the 6th March :—The experiment of publishing a paper written in English by Japanese will be watched with much interest. It is hoped that arrangements will be so far completed by the middle of the month as to enable the first number of the *Japan Times* to be published on the 15th instant. Besides the excellent service of news respecting Japanese affairs which is promised, I understand that arrangements have been made for a full service of foreign news by cable, which will undoubtedly give the paper a good standing from the start. Mr T. Cowen, who has accepted the post of literary adviser to the new undertaking, left Kobe for Tokyo yesterday, and the *Times* will also have the advantage of the services of Mr J. H. Beale, who for some twelve or fourteen years has been the manager of the *Japan Mail*. Mr Beale's place on the *Japan Mail* has been taken by Mr Arthur Bellamy Brown, who joined the staff of the *Mail* some four years ago, and I hear that the changes made involve the removal of Captain Brinkley, the editor, from Tokyo to Yokohama, where he will now take up his residence.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, March 15.

FRANCE AND THE GRETAN QUESTION.

The Chamber has approved of the policy of the Government by 356 to 143 votes, after M. Hanotaux had explained that the Government had decided to blockade the Cretan and, if necessary, the Greek ports in order to compel the the Greeks to withdraw from Crete. M. Hanotaux added that each Power will send 600 men to reinforce the contingents now in Crete.

THE UNITED STATES.

President McKinley, in his speech at the opening of the extra session, briefly urged a revision of the tariff.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory :—

On the 17th at 11.25 a. Pressure has increased in the extreme North and is giving way on the China Coast. Gradients slight. Forecast :—fresh or moderate N.E. to E. winds; cloudy, probably some rain.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, March 16, 1897.

SIR,—In the Green Island Cement Company's report the "amount paid *to date* for the Schofer Kiln" is stated as $3483.35. The Directors propose, "to write off *part cost* of Schofer Kiln" to extent of $5000. What *part* of $3483.35 is $5000?—Yours truly,

BRICKS.

[The probable explanation is that the General Managers were anticipating the expenditure on the Kiln after the closing of the accounts. If they have erred, they have assuredly erred in the right direction. —ED., *C.M.*]

GERMAN SOLDIERS AND ENGLISH ATHLETES.

Despite our robust insularity a wholesome fear of our German rivals has grown throughout the country. Recent speeches by members of both political parties have not been calculated to allay the scare. Yet the average Englishman still finds consolation in two facts which he considers irrefutable. Nothing has shaken his belief in the unsurpassed physique of our working men; everything has pointed to the exhausting nature of the burden which compulsory military service imposes upon a rising commercial nation such as Germany. With so heavy a handicap in the race for the trade of the world she cannot, he thinks, do more than toil after us at a respectful distance.

Every year some 300,000 young Germans join the ranks. Not all their number receive the full military training, but the great majority pass through a military course offering exceptional advantages for developing the physique. From half-starved villages and from close suffocating courts the most miserable are rescued for a time. They are taught to square their shoulders and step out from the hips: to keep clean and know the meaning of discipline. They live in sanitary barracks and are clad in suitable clothing. They have already passed through a strict mental training, which renders their physical education all the more necessary. That the latter is successful is abundantly proved by the military statistics. For the last five or six years the average chest measurement has steadily increased, and the German soldier of the present is German workman of the future. When we have put an idle loafer through two years of military service we cannot but notice what a self-respecting, well set-up young fellow he has become. But we declare that we have found an alternative for military service in the national enthusiasm for athletics. Our athletes, we argue, obtain all the physical advantages of conscription without costing the country a single penny. But as regared any permanent physical benefit to our huge operative class, athleticism is but a broken reed for this country to lean upon. It is an unpleasant fact, which, however, must be faced. The German, on the contrary, is unathletic in his tastes. He objects to all violent, and, as he considers it, unnecessary exercise. But his military training, with its physical drill and gymnastic course, saves him from himself. It is a military dictum that, all else being equal, the army which is heaviest in pounds avoirdupois wins the battle. It will be an ill day for England when in the great commercial struggle the workers, who boast the broadest backs as well as the best-trained brains, are 'made in Germany.'—*The British Review*.

H. E. Sir C. Mitchell has promoted Captain Dunman to be Major and Commandant of the Singapore Volunteer Artillery, in succession to Major MacCallum, resigned. Major Dunman's promotion is the reward of long and excellent service.

IN replying to a question in the House of Commons on 22nd Feb., Mr Robert William Hanbury, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that it was believed the Australian colonies were unwilling to face the expense of a special mail service from Naples to Calais.

WRITING on the 22nd Feb. from Peking, the correspondent of the *Mercury* says :—The bells every two weeks at the British Legation were supposed to have closed, but another one is to be held this week. They have formed a pleasant time for the foreigners residing here, no other change to the monotony being tried. In former years there was a Peking Oriental Society and for a while a Debating Society, but these have long since ceased to be. Now card parties and dances alone remain of all the possible means to fill up time outside office hours. On Thursday, the 18th, occurred the Bachelors' Ball, held at the Italian Legation. Several visitors came up form Tientsin. This ball really closes the season. There is to be a dancing party to-morrow afternoon at Mrs Merrill's of the Customs. Three more informal parties have been held quite recently at the house of some members of the Customs during the winter.

'WELL, Jack, how did you enjoy the Browns' party?' Jack (aged 8)—'Pretty well; but I'm afraid there'll be trouble; Mrs Brown kissed me, and right before her husband.'

FASHIONABLE Mother (languidly)—Well, Sarah, how is the baby to-day? Maid—He cutt his two teeth this morning, mi'm. Fashionable Mother (still more languidly)—That was very negligent of you, Sarah. You ought not to let a young baby play with a knife.

H. E. LOH FENG-LO IN HONGKONG.

BANQUET BY FOKIENESE MERCHANTS.

Last night, the Fokienese Merchants of Hongkong gave a farewell dinner to H.E. Loh-Feng-lo, Minister Designate to Great Britain, Italy, and Belgium, at Thomas's Grillrooms. There were present over seventy people. Mr Kaw Hong Take presided, and, speaking in the Fokienese dialect said—'Your Excellency Loh, on this the twenty-third year of Kuang-Hsu, you are now nominated as Minister to England, Belgium and Italy, and on your way to take up office, you have called at Hongkong—seeing that you have clansmen in the Colony,—in order to pay us a visit, and we respectfully invited your Honour to dine at Thomas's Grillrooms, and we are very glad that your suite have also chosen to meet with us.' He then called upon Mr Pan Lan Shi, assistant editor of the *Chinese Mail*, to read an address, which was in rhyme and in the Mandarin dialect. The address was to the following effect :—'Our Emperor in order to live in peace with other nations sends out Ministers, and among the three Ministers nominated you hold the most important position. You have carefully and respectfully accepted the nomination from the Emperor, and now you are leaving for the place of your designation. On your way you have come to Hongkong, and out of consideration for your clansmen you have answered our invitation. The duties of a Minister are as important as those of a statesman or general, because you are expected to develop the country and improve our customs. When you return, we believe your name shall be ever remembered. You are thoroughly conversant with the English language, and you have been educated in the Naval Academy in China. When His Excellency Li went abroad you accompanied him. At that time you made the acquaintance of Princes and Ministers of different countries, and now you have occasion to go there again you undoubtedly will be appreciated and welcomed by them. We hope when you return you will bring with you every prosperity, and we wish you long life.' H. E. Loh, in reply, said when he was seventeen year of age he was receiving his education at the Foochow Academy, and there he had first the pleasure of making Mr Kaw's acquaintance. He was now appointed by the Emperor of China to proceed to England, and he should endeavour to do his utmost, to the best of his ability, to cement the friendship between the countries, and also do his best to further their commercial interests. He thanked the gentlemen for their entertainment, and hoped on his return to meet them again. Afterwards, His Excellency spoke a few words in English on account of the presence of Mr H. Hillier, Commissioner of Customs. Mr Ho Amei thanked the gentlemen who had given the entertainment, on behalf of the guests for the pleasant evening. A number of other speeches were delivered complimentary to His Excellency. The party dispersed shortly after nine o'clock.—This morning, previous to the departure of the French mail, His Excellency was busily engaged in making official calls and receiving visitors. He paid official visits to His Excellency the Governor at Government House, H.E. Major-General Black, and to H.E. Sir Admiral Buller on board the *Alacrity*, which fired a salute in his honour on his departure for the mail steamer. On board the *Oceanien* His Excellency was visited by Mr C. H. C. Platt, Private Secretary, Hon. J. Stewart-Lockhart, Colonial Secretary, Major-General Black and Captain Loreband, Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, Mr Hillier, and a number of Chinese residents. The French mail steamer sailed off with the Chinese dragon flag flying at the main.

INVESTIGATIONS made by the Japanese Finance Department have revealed that the amount of one-yen silver pieces now in circulation, which must be exchanged in the event of the conversion of the currency, reach a value of 60,000,000 yen. It will take the Imperial Mint about six months to strike the equivalent gold coins.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

WE have been informed by a private wire, from Peking, that on Wednesday last M. A. Gérard, the French Minister at Peking, informed the Tsungli Yamen in no uncertain language that the contemplated imposition of 10 per cent. duty on cotton goods would be most strongly resisted by France, for the reason that it might establish a precedent for placing a duty on French manufacture. He also said that France was averse to any change in the Tariff as it at present stands.—*Mercury*.

MR ANDREW LANG tells a story of Dean Stanley which illustrates, he says, unrivalled presence of mind :—'The Dean was dining out, and was very late. When he came his collar was unfastened, and the ends vibrated like little wings about the head of a cherub. People could not but look at him with curiosity during dinner, and at length, with due precautions, his hostess ventured to ask him if he knew that his collar had broken adrift. "Oh, yes!" said the Dean. "Do you mind?" "Not at all," said the lady. "Then I don't mind, either," answered the Dean; the button dropped off while I was dressing, and he continued his conversation.'

A GOOD story cannot be repeated too often. Two impecunious Scotsmen, travelling North in search of gold, came upon a saloon. They only had 'sixpence' between them, so they ordered one 'nipy' whuskey.' They were hesitating who should have the first drink, when an 'auld' acquaintance joined them. Pretending they had just drunk, one of them handed the new-comer the whisky, requesting him to join them in a drink. He drank, and, after a few minutes of painful and silent suspence, said, 'Now boys, you'll have tae wi me!' 'Weans that wool managed mon!' said Number One to his pal after words. 'Ay, it was,' replied Number Two solemnly, 'but it was a dreadfu' risk!'

CRICKET.

H.M.S. 'IMMORTALITE' *v.* AMOY.

This match was played at Amoy on the 13th inst., and was won by H.M.S. *Immortalité* by 27 runs. Scores :—

H.M.S. 'IMMORTALITE.'

Lieut. Parry Ayscough, c Heron, b Wilson...	54
Mr Bedwell, b Heron...	24
Surgeon Jeans, run out	13
Fleet-Pay. Raxworthy, c Heron, b Wingate	1
Capt. Trotman, R.M.L.I., b Wilson...	1
Lieut. Thorp, c Bailey, b Keay	13
Lieut. Butterworth, c Heron, b Wilson	1
Mr Whayman, c and b Keay	14
Mr Groves, c Bailey, b Keay	5
Mr Maryat, b Heron	0
Commander Luscombe, not out	1
Extras	15
Total...	142

AMOY.

H. C. Marshall, c Thorp, b Maryat	24
G. P. Wingate, c Ayscough, b Bedwell	2
J. A. Heron, c Whayman, b Ayscough	55
F. C. Leybourn, run out	14
W. Wilson run out	0
W. S. Keay, b Ayscough	1
A. W. Bailey, b Ayscough	8
F. G. Garland, b Ayscough	0
T. N. Ollis, b Ayscough	5
D. Kemper, b Ayscough	0
J. Phillips, not out	6
Extras	0
Total...	115

During the match the band of H.M.S. *Immortalité* played a well-selected programme.

THE FRENCH MINISTER AND THE OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

The amenities of diplomacy are past finding out. If one thing were reasonably clear it would seem to have been the advantage gained to all nations trading with China through the opening of the West River. Diplomacy, and especially French diplomacy, as we have frequently had occasion to remark, does not always follow the lines of strict logic. We have seen this in the case of Egypt, and the latest exhibition with regard to the West River fully bears out our former remarks. Unfortunately Peking has lately been a focus of intrigue, second only, if second at all, to Constantinople. The gradual breaking up of the Chinese, as of the Ottoman Empire, has aroused the worst feelings of the European nations, and in each case the good of the greatest number has had to give way before the momentary interest of the loudest and most persistent. Still with all this it might have been supposed that the general interest, where not inconsistent with individual rights, or fancied rights, would have been held to prevail, and that any step in advance would have been hailed with pleasure. In this, however, we have been again doomed to disappointment. We are quite willing to allow that railway construction in the provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi would be a benefit to general civilisation. We are willing to do more, and stand by when lines in the direct interest of France are concerned. We have offered no factious opposition to recent French gains on the southern frontiers of China; and we were therefore the more exercised when we discovered that the opposition to throwing open to the world at large the navigation of the great West River proceeded, not from the Chinese Government, on whose exclusiveness we have had so many occasions to animadvert, but from our very good friend the French Minister at Peking. That the opening of the West River will be a benefit to Hongkong goes without saying, but the benefit will be by no means exclusive and will be shared by all the Powers interested in the opening of China, France included. Had it been aimed at any advantage hitherto possessed by France we might, however unreasonable have been the claim, considered the damage likely to accrue to our neighbour. But even France does not claim any injury, or injustice done to herself. Her objection is the peculiarly selfish one that a concession sought by ourselves in the interest of all is not accompanied by another in the private and peculiar interest of France. We are concerned in the opening up of Southern and South-western China to railway enterprise. We too have a conterminous frontier, and have no interest in repeating towards France a dog-in-the-manger policy, and are prepared to work in accord with France in initiating a policy of common accord, from which both sides can derive benefit. If France gain more than ourselves in such a case this is by the accident of circumstances. we certainly shall not be found engaged in an intrigue to frustrate the aims of a friendly, or professedly friendly, neighbour because the larger and more immediate gain may belong to her. This has been the actuating motive of our whole intercourse with China, now of some fifty-five years standing. As we have done to others so it is reasonable we should expect others to do to us, and this principle was made the foundation of a system of joint action in Peking. To that system we have, even against our own immediate interests, given our concurrence, and it cannot be urged that in any instance have we sought to escape from its consequences. More than this, we have with regard to France shown every consideration. We have condoned the action she was pleased to take with regard to Siam and the Yunnan boundary, and have agreed to a Convention wherein all the advantages lay on her side. We have refrained from hampering her in her designs in the Valley of the Meikong, and for all this our reward is to find her influence exercised against us in so decided a step in advance as the settlement of the difficulties under which her trade, no less than our own, has of late years been labouring. Between private parties such a course as has been adopted by the French Minister would be called by a harsh name, even if no further steps were taken. It is unsatisfactory to find that conduct, which would be repudiated as between man and man, is still the prevailing factor in diplomatic action; and that conduct in itself dishonourable is passed by without comment if only it be removed to the atmosphere of diplomacy.

THE *Yorodzu Choho*, the truculent, has got a new editor who has led our lively contemporary into a cross between the religious and the fantastically patriotic. Here is a specimen of the latest literary pyrotechnics :—The Ideal Japan is not the Japan of this count and that marquis; neither is it the Japan of *soshi*, erroneously called 'public opinion.' The Ideal Japan is the Japan of the brightest and best of her sons. Yea more; it is God's own Japan, created for the establishment of the kingdom of Righteousness upon the earth. It is the Japan that is intent upon the service of Humanity, the Japan strong with her pristine energy, and free and open to the best in the world; the Japan whose ambition is the majestic Full, and whose motive is the clearness of the Biwa Lake. Those anti-foreign bigotries and those small-shell pseudo-patriotisms, that for some time past have been the object of rivalry years before the ghostly name was attached to it at Kilo.

A FRENCH RAILWAY SCHEME.

BANGKOK TO BATTAMBONG!!

The value of the assertions, first made locally and then repeated with exaggerations in Indo-China, for effect on the boulevards of Paris, is shown by the present state of negotiations for the construction of a railway from—Bangkok to Nakonsawan and Battambong! The project has been under consideration, it seems, for some time, and is now fairly well advanced, under the auspices of a French syndicate. The plans submitted to the Siamese Government for the purpose of obtaining the necessary concession show a line passing through country presenting few, if any, engineering difficulties and one which it is believed could be constructed at very little expense. Great water-ways are carefully avoided, and the track, which is to have only an elevation of about six feet, is to take a straight line for the place named, no trouble being gone to, to come into touch with any large villages or centres of commerce. The present stage of the negotiations, we learn, is that the Siamese Government insist upon the concern being registered as a Siamese company, that construction is to be commenced within a year, and that a stipulated sum is to be expended annually until completion. The Banque de l'Indo-Chine will be entrusted with the financing of the scheme, and the amount to be expended is practically without limit. It is not expected that the line will prove a financial success for many years to come, and the concession is so framed that the Nakonsawan section may be first completed and the extension made to Battambong at what the Syndicate may deem a fitting time. We may also say that the new line is only one of several proposed to be undertaken in different sections of the country, with French capital.—*Bangkok Times*.

UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR AT TOKIO.

JAPANESE RUDENESS.

Yokohama, March 6.

We learn that the regrettable incident of Sunday last, when some drunken soldiers attacked a carriage containing Mademoiselle de Speyer and her nurse, has been satisfactorily terminated. Colonel Kumagaye, officer commanding the Twentieth Regiment of Artillery, to which the riotous men belong, has formally apologised to Mr de Speyer, and has informed him that it has been decided to try the men by Court-martial, and that they will be severely punished. His Majesty the Emperor has also expressed very strong condemnation of the action of these soldiers, and desired that an exemplary penalty should be inflicted. The Empress, too, has taken a most graceful and gracious action. On the morning of the 4th, Her Majesty despatched Viscountess Takakura, a principal Lady in Waiting, and three Maids of Honour, to the Russian Legation, to convey a message of sympathy and regret to Monsieur and Madame de Speyer, and to present to little Mademoiselle de Speyer, a number of very beautiful toys. The truculent artillerymen and the regiment to which they belong will view this affair with greatly increased chagrin when they learn that it has caused distress and solicitude to the Emperor and Empress.

While sincerely sympathising with Mr de Speyer, and complimenting him upon the fact and moderation displayed by him in connexion with this disgraceful incident, we are disposed to hope that it may inure to the benefit of others. Several complaints have reached us lately about the proceedings of soldiers and students in Tokyo. It is even stated that foreign ladies can not go about the streets of the capital safely on Saturday afternoon or Sunday, and that the patience of foreign gentlemen is sometimes dangerously tried. This incident of the Russian carriage may, perhaps, serve to convey a useful lesson. If it could be made known to the garrison generally that rude behaviour towards a foreigner not only disgraces their cloth, but also causes pain to the Emperor himself, the evil would soon be corrected. Nor ought there to be any difficulty on the part of the educational authorities in dealing with the same question among the rising generation. We ourselves recently saw a student kick a foreign lady, and we have incontrovertible evidence that another lad spat in a lady's face. Such miserably unmanly and savage acts can not be denounced in too strong terms. The first impulse of every lad, supposing him gifted with the most ordinary feelings of courtesy and chivalry, should be to defend and assist a lady. It is true that the attitude of the stronger sex towards the weak has always been governed in Japan by canons quite inconsistent with Western ideas, and it is also true that Japanese men and youths regard the average foreign lady as shockingly deficient in the qualities of modest self-effacement and gentle deference that are held to be essential traits of femininity in Japan. But in setting up his own type to the exclusion of all others, a Japanese merely displays ignorance and narrowmindedness. He forgets that his own women constantly violate rules of modesty deemed essential in the Occident, and he would be bitterly indignant if foreigners, deducing from such conduct the inferences that it must suggest in Europe or America, were to shape their attitude accordingly. If the Japanese student understood Occidental women, he would quickly appreciate them as splendid types of humanity, not faultless indeed, not able to free themselves from the slavery of fashions as frivolous as they are extravagant, or to eschew the pursuit of their own fortunes along routes that often diverge considerably from the standards of conservative morality, but yet approaching as nearly as it is possible to approach to the ideal help-meet, the perfect complement of a man's life, the mother and parent of grandchildren. If the Japanese student is too callow, too prejudiced, to understand these things, he can at least perceive the chivalrous courtesy that his own women always receive at the hands of educated foreigners, and he can see the justice of returning like for like. Speaking as people genuinely solicitous for Japan's fair fame, we strongly urge the educational authorities to take up this matter, and to contrive that school-boys shall learn how little value attaches to suavity of manners as compared with courtesy of conduct, and how miserably unpatriotic is the youth that fixes a stigma upon his nation for the sake of asserting his own capacity for rudeness. —*Japan Mail*.

FORMOSA has already cost Japan 80 million *yen*, and the expenditure this year is estimated at 14 million more. It seems to some observers at present that China will secure most of the profits.

CONCERNING the creation of the term, 'Bogey,' as a standard for competition at golf, there is some controversy at present among the learned, some maintaining that the 'bogey' system was invented at Coventry by Mr Rotherham, and named Dr Browne, of Great Yarmouth; whereas the others aver that this creation at Coventry was really only a rediscovery, for 'bogey,' under the name of the ground score, had been the object of rivalry years before the ghostly name was attached to it at Kilo.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

GENERAL BLANCO IN EUROPE.

General Blanco, ex Governor-General of the Philippines, had on the 1st ultimo, two long and important conferences—first with the Minister for War, at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the second with Señor Cánovas, Prime Minister, after six o'clock, when that official was about to leave his office. Both to General Azcarraga and to the President of the Council, the Marquis de Peña Plata (General Blanco) fully explained the origin of the Tagalok insurrection. In the course of the conferences, and especially in that with Señor Cánovas, General Blanco had to complain bitterly of the violent campaign carried on against him. He justified his expansive policy particularly on the fact that these rebels did not take up arms against the Mother-country, but only against certain elements and institutions, the conduct of which had awakened their hatred and desire for revenge.

It seems that General Blanco spoke also of the necessity of changing our policy in that archipelago, if it is not desired that the actual insurrection should not be but the prelude of other and more important ones, in which case the sovereignty of Spain will cost her very great sacrifices.

It is clear that the brave soldier de Peña Plata would have exposed to the Minister for War and to the Chief of the Cabinet the means at his disposal for combating the passionate attacks directed against him, which means, like other declarations he might have to make in his justification as a soldier and a politician, he reserves until the reopening of the Cortes.

We understand that in the Senate General Blanco will open a debate, in the course of which, besides re-establishing the glorious prestige of the former Captain-General of Catalunia, certain things and occurrences in the Philippines will be exposed, which may not please certain personages and entities, whose influence was felt in the policy and administration of that country, with grave detriment to the seriousness and good name of Spain.'

The above is an abridged translation of an article in a Spanish journal entitled 'El Pais' published in Madrid. It does not require much perspicacity to know whom General Blanco alludes to as 'certain elements and institutions.'

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(*From 'Kobe Chronicle.'*)

THE OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF ARMAMENTS.

Tokio, March 6.—To-day Counts Matsugata and Okuma attended a meeting of the Budget Committee, appointed by the House of Peers to negotiate with the Government for the reduction of the military estimates. The Ministers stated that it was extremely difficult at this stage to recast the Budget, but said the Government was prepared to meet the Committee's views before the next Session of the Diet. A somewhat stormy debate ensued, and the conference adjourned.

March 7.—At to-day's meeting a proposal was made to strike out the proposed subsdy to the Osaka harbour works in place of reducing the expenditure for armaments. Mr Yasuba strongly opposed the motion, and it was lost. The Government, however, agreed to a further motion for reducing the subsidies proposed to be granted for the encouragement of steam navigation, and also the estimate for reorganization of the gendarme force in Formosa. It was decided to reduce the estimate for the extension of the telephone exchange service to the amount (670,000 yen) originally proposed by the Government. [The Lower House voted that this estimate should be increased to 2,026,000 yen.] A proposal to reduce the estimate for improvement of the existing Government railways was discussed, but the Committee adjourned before coming to a decision.

March 8.—A further conference between the Committee of the House of Peers and the Ministers was held this morning. The Committee proposed that the result of the conference should be reported to the Budget Committee with instructions that the estimates should be reduced, but the Ministers declined to accede to this proposal. The conference then closed. The result is to be reported to the Budget Committee to-morrow.

THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR.

Mr Yi Ha Yung, the Korean ambassador, is reported to have been recalled by his Government.

PROSPECTS OF THE CURRENCY BILL.

In the House of Representatives it is believed that 178 members will vote for the Currency Bill, while 97 will oppose the measure. A group of about 30 propose that a Committee be appointed to continue the investigation until next Session, and that the Bill should be postponed till then. The Progressionist members will support the Bill in a body.

THE NEW MINISTER TO RUSSIA.

Tokyo, Mar. 4.—The appointment of Baron Hayashi to be Minister to St. Petersburg has been announced to-day. He is also accredited to the Court of Sweden and Norway. Baron Nishi, the Minister to Russia, has been released from the post, but retains the office of Minister Plenipotentiary.

FOREIGN PURCHASERS OF GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Messrs Samuel Samuel & Co. of Yokohama have applied to the Finance Department for a large amount of Government bonds, but the Department has asked that the application shall stand over until the Currency Bill has been voted upon. The Chartered Bank has purchased bonds amounting to about 300,000 yen from the Bank of Japan. The price has not been disclosed.

THE LONDON MONEY MARKET.

No telegraphic advice has been received about Japanese Consols in London since it was announced that they were quoted at £104⅜. It is expected some that the proposal to change the currency system will create a rise. Bank interest in London has gone down to 1½ per cent., the British Consols to £111⅛, and silver bullion to 29⅜d.

THE following are a list of new anatomical points that have been gathered from various shilling shockers :

He was shot in the suburbs.

He kissed her passionately upon her reappearance.

Mr Jones walked in upon her invitation.

We thought she sat down upon her being asked.

She fainted upon his departure.

He was injured in the fracas.

He clung to her weeping.

They gossiped upon his downfall.

He embraced her upon her restoration, and no longer wept over her absence.

SIXTY thousand dollars a year, the salary drawn by the French Embassador in London, is the largest sum paid to any diplomatist in the world.

FUDDY—So Bonder made the opening remarks at the dinner last night. Do you remember what he said? Duddy—The opening remarks! Oh, yes. He said 'Who's got a corkscrew?'

Notices to Consignees.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 23rd Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 23rd Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
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Hongkong, March 16, 1897. 541

STEAMSHIP *SALAZIE*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from LONDON and HAVRE, ex S. S. *Memphis*; and BORDEAUX ex S. S. *Frederic Morel* and *Ville de Marseille*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY (Tuesday), the 16th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY, the 23rd Instant, or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 23rd Instant, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 16, 1897. 537

FROM BOMBAY, TUTICORIN AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Idzumi Maru* having arrived from above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Valuables, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Wanchai, whence delivery may be obtained.

All chafed or damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company, and sent into this Office within seven days after the Vessel's arrival, after which no Claims will be recognised, and Goods remaining undelivered will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, March 15, 1897. 525

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship *Glenavon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 19th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 26th Instant, otherwise they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th Instant, at 11 a.m.

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Hongkong, March 17, 1897. 488

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Haitoong*, Captain DAVIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 16, 1897. 539

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The Co.'s Steamship *Yamashiro Maru*, Captain J. JONES, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon.

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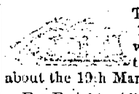
The Co.'s Steamship *Sangkiang*, Captain DODD, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 19th Instant, at 4 p.m.

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FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.



The Steamship *Kioto Maru* will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 19th March.

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Hongkong, March 12, 1897. 446

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.



The Steamship *Arratoon Apcar*, Capt. K. H. SUNDBERG, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 3 p.m.

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Hongkong, March 13, 1897. 514

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The Co.'s Steamship *Dracolian*, Captain BRANCH, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 3 p.m.

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The Steamship *Taiwan Maru* will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 20th March.

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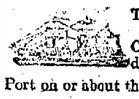
The Co.'s Steamship *Nestor*, Captain ASQUITH, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For Freight, apply to

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Hongkong, March 10, 1897. 431

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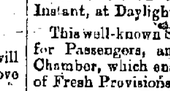
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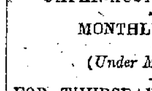
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The Steamship *Chittagong* will be despatched hence for VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 27th Instant.

Consular Invoice of Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPLICATE, and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

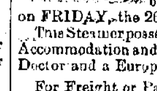
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Hongkong, March 16, 1897. 450

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



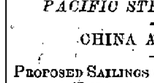
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Hongkong, February 4, 1897. 243

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The American Barque *Coloma*, NOYES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

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City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)...	TUESDAY, March 23, at noon.
China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	TUESDAY, April 13, at noon.
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & H'lulu)...	SATURDAY, May 1, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail S. S. *CITY OF PEKING* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vid* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 23rd March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

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Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1897. 436

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	THURSDAY, April 1, at noon.
Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama).....	THURSDAY, April 22, at noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	TUESDAY, May 11, at noon.

THE Steamship *DORIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *vid* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 1st April, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (*or vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

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For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
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Hongkong, March 13, 1897. 522

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Victoria.....	3,167	Tuesday.	Mar. 23.
Olympia.....	2,608	Tuesday.	April 13.
Braemar.....	3,601	Tuesday.	May 11.
Tacoma.....	2,549	Tuesday.	May 25.
Victoria.....	3,167	Tuesday.	June 8.
Olympia.....	2,608	Tuesday.	June 20.

THE Steamship *VICTORIA*, Captain J. PANTON, R.N.R., sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *vid* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of The Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 10, 1897. 493



STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE S.S. *KAISAR-I-HIND*, Captain C. L. DANVIL, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 25th March, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Slippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 11, 1897. 503

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Sachsen.....	Tuesday...	March 30.
Bayern.....	Tuesday...	April 27.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday...	May 25.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th day of March, 1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *SACHSEN*, Captain SUPHER, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 29th March, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on MONDAY, the 29th March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

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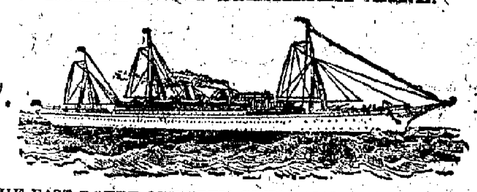
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Hongkong, March 6, 1897. 458

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th April/97.
EMPRESS OF INDIA....Comdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R..WEDNESDAY, 28th April/97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. PYBUS, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 19th May/97.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent,*
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, March 17, 1897. 546

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1895, £12,433,131.

Authorised Capital.....£3,000,000.0.0
Subscribed Capital.....£2,750,000.0.0
Paid up Capital.....£687,500.0.0
Fire Funds.....£2,601,016.2.9

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1547

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,900,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £860,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
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Intimations.

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Hongkong, March 15, 1897. 534

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"94, Commercial Road, Peckham, July 15.

"Dear Sir,—I am a poor hand at expressing my feelings, but I should like to thank you. Your lozenges have done wonders in relieving my terrible cough. Since I had the operation of 'Tracheotomy' (the same as the late Emperor of Germany, and unlike him, thank God, I am still alive) performed at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, no one could possibly have had a more violent cough: it was so bad at times that it quite exhausted me. The mucous, which was very copious and hard, has been softened, and I have been able to get rid of it without difficulty.—I am, sir, yours truly, J. HILL."

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"A. GARRIEL, M.D., L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S. and L.M. Edinburgh."

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CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.

Monthly Boarders at Moderate Rates.

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Hongkong, November 26, 1896. 725

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P. BOHM,
Proprietor and Manager.

Hongkong, November 24, 1894. 1907

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP *VICTORIA*,

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 11, 1897. 496

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER *BRINDISI*.

FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo from PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. B. I. S. S. Co., and Bombay Persian S. N. Co.'s Stm. Goods not cleared by the 22nd Instant, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 10, 1897. 441

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, March 13, 1897.
At 1020 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

		Prices. Highest. Cash.	Lowest. Cash.	Chinese Names.
Butcher Meat.				肉食
Bacon, English,	lb.	—	—	來路烟豬肉
,, Ame. Sugar cured	,,	340	—	花旗烟豬肉
,, Foochow,	,,	200	—	福州烟豬肉
,, Japan, cured	,,	240	—	日本烟豬肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut	catty	140	—	尾龍扒
,, Corned,	catty	140	—	鹹牛肉
,, Roast,	,,	130	—	燒牛肉
,, Soup,	,,	100	—	湯肉
,, Steak,	,,	120	—	牛肉起
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60	50	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh,	each	250	—	牛脷
,, ,, corned	,,	310	—	鹹牛利
,, Head,	,,	500	—	牛頭
,, Heart,	,,	150	—	牛心
,, Hump, Salt	catty	140	—	牛肩
,, Feet,	each	60	50	牛牌
,, Kidneys,	,,	60	—	牛腰
,, Tail,	,,	100	—	牛尾
,, Liver,	catty	70	—	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed)	catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet,	set	500	—	牛仔頭腳
Hams, American,	lb.	340	—	花旗火腿
,, Chinese,	,,	—	—	金華火腿
,, English, New,	,,	450	—	來路火腿
,, Japan cured,	,,	280	—	日本火腿
,, Shanghai,	,,	220	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop,	,,	150	—	羊排骨
,, Leg,	,,	150	—	羊脾
,, Shoulder,	,,	120	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings,	catty	70	60	豬臘
,, Feet,	,,	110	—	豬腳
,, Fry,	,,	160	—	豬雜
,, Head,	each	500	450	豬頭
,, Heart,	,,	50	40	豬心
,, Kidneys,	pair	70	—	豬腰
,, Liver,	lb.	160	—	豬肝
Pork, Chop,	catty	180	—	豬排骨
,, Corned,	,,	—	—	鹹豬肉
,, Leg,	,,	190	—	豬脾
,, Fat or Lard,	,,	150	—	豬油
Sheeps' Head and Feet,	set	350	—	羊頭腳
,, Heart,	each	50	40	羊心
,, Kidneys,	,,	70	—	羊腰
,, Liver,	lb.	150	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs,	each	$1.75	$1.25	豬仔
Suet, Beef,	lb.	110	—	生牛油
,, Mutton,	,,	100	—	生羊油
Veal,	catty	130	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.				生口
Chicken,	catty	200	—	鷄仔
Capons,	,,	220	—	閹鷄
Ducks,	,,	170	—	鴨
Doves,	each	—	—	斑鳩
Eggs, Hen	doz.	120	—	鷄蛋
,, Duck	,,	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls,	catty	180	—	鷄
Geese,	,,	160	—	鵝
Hares,	each	600	—	兎仔
Musk Deer,	,,	$3.00	—	黃頸
Partridges,	,,	450	—	鹿鴿
Pigeons,	,,	230	—	白鴿
Pheasant,	brace	$1.30	—	上海山鷄
Rice Birds,	doz.	—	—	禾花雀
Quail	each	130	—	鶉鶉
Snipe,	,,	170	—	沙錐
Turkeys, Cock,	catty	500	—	火鷄公
,, Hen,	,,	400	—	火鷄嫲
Teal,	each	400	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks,	pair	$1.10	—	上海水鴨
Fish.				海鮮
Barbel,	catty	160	—	鯇魚
Bream,	,,	80	—	鯛魚
Bombay Ducks,	100 pieces	250	—	孟買魚
C'ton Fresh Water Fish,	catty	—	—	廣魚
Carp,	,,	130	—	鯉魚
Catfish,	,,	—	—	赤魚
Codfish, Salt,	,,	160	—	鹹魚
Crabs,	,,	80	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish,	,,	80	—	魷魚
Dab,	,,	60	—	沙魚
Dace,	,,	90	—	黃尾
Dog Fish,	,,	—	—	鮫
Eels, Congor,	,,	—	—	海鰻
,, Fresh water,	,,	200	—	淡水鰻
Eels, Yellow,	,,	180	—	黃鱔
File Fish,	,,	—	—	剝皮魚
Frogs,	,,	160	—	田鷄
Fresh Fish,	,,	80	—	鮮魚
Garoupa,	,,	300	—	石斑魚
Gudgeon,	,,	90	—	白鱔
Gurnard,	,,	80	—	紅魚
Herrings,	,,	130	—	鯡魚
,, smoked	box	—	—	熏鯡魚
Halibut,	catty	100	—	比目魚
Labrus,	,,	120	—	黃花魚
Loach,	,,	180	—	鰍魚
Lobsters,	,,	190	—	龍蝦
Mackerel,	,,	—	—	鯖魚
Mud Fish,	,,	—	—	塘虱魚
Mullet,	,,	110	—	烏頭魚
Oysters,	,,	170	—	生蠔
Perch,	catty	70	—	鱸鱸
Pike,	,,	—	—	花鼓魚
Plaice,	,,	—	—	鰈魚
Pomfret, White	,,	180	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black	,,	120	—	黑鯧
Prawns,	,,	200	—	明蝦
Ray,	,,	50	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish,	,,	70	—	石狗公
Roach,	,,	—	—	鯽魚
Salmon, (Canton),	,,	240	—	馬友魚
Shark,	,,	50	—	鯊魚
Salt Fish,	,,	100	—	鹹魚
Skate,	,,	50	—	鮭魚
Shrimps,	,,	150	—	蝦
Snapper,	,,	180	—	立魚
Soles,	,,	160	—	鞋沙魚
Tench,	,,	—	—	皖魚
Turbot,	,,	130	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water,	,,	300	—	烏魚
Whiting,	catty	—	—	長魚
White Bait,	,,	90	—	鱭魚仔
Fruits.				菓子
Apples, (California),	catty	340	—	金山平菓
,, (Tientsin),	,,	—	—	天津平菓
,, (Japan),	,,	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant,	,,	30	—	省城香蕉
,, (brides),	,,	—	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese,	,,	100	—	風栗
Carambola,	,,	100	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts,	each	50	—	椰子
Ground Nuts,	catty	90	—	花生
Grapes,	,,	170	—	鮮提子
Lemons, China,	,,	80	—	檸檬
,, Peel,	,,	—	—	桔餅
Lichees, Dried,	,,	280	—	荔枝乾
,, Fresh,	,,	—	—	荔枝
Limes,	,,	—	—	柠檬
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—	—	安南芒菓
,, (Manila),	,,	180	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen,	dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet,	catty	100	—	新會甜橙
,, Green,	,,	60	—	青橙
,, Red,	,,	70	—	紅桔
Olives,	,,	80	—	白欖
Pine-apples,	each	50	—	本地菠蘿
Pears,	catty	100	—	沙梨
,, (Tientsin),	,,	140	—	天津雪梨
Pumelo,	each	90	—	蘇柚
,, (Siam),	catty	100	—	暹羅柚
Peach, (Sweet),	,,	—	—	蜜桃
Raisins, Muscatel,	,,	—	—	提子乾
,, Pudding,	,,	—	—	梳提
Water Chesnuts, com.	,,	40	—	馬蹄
,, Mandarin,	,,	60	—	桂林馬蹄
Walnuts,	,,	130	—	合桃
Vegetables, &c.				菜蔬
Artichokes, Shanghai,	catty	50	—	上海丁沽竹
Beans, (French),	,,	100	—	佛國西邊豆
,, Long,	,,	—	—	豆角
Beet Root,	each	30	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green,	catty	40	—	青元茄
,, Red,	,,	50	—	紅茄
Brassica,	,,	30	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots,	,,	110	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com.	,,	20	—	芥菜
Cabbage, Shanghai,	each	60	—	椰菜
Cauliflower,	,,	150	120	椰菜花
Carrots,	catty	30	—	金笋
Celery, Chinese,	,,	40	—	唐芹菜
,, English,	,,	60	—	洋芹菜
Chillies Dried,	,,	130	—	辣椒乾
,, Red,	,,	260	—	紅花椒
Curry Stuff, English,	,,	40	—	咖喱材料
Cucumbers,	,,	—	—	青瓜
Bitter Squash,	,,	—	—	苦瓜
Garlic,	,,	60	—	蒜頭
Ginger, young,	,,	80	—	薑子
Horse Radish, S'hai,	,,	120	—	辣根
Indian Corn,	,,	—	—	粟米
Lettuce, (English),	each	10	—	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty	—	—	生草菇
Onions, Bombay,	,,	80	—	洋葱頭
,, Green,	,,	80	—	生葱
,, Shanghai,	,,	—	—	上海葱頭
,, Japan,	,,	40	—	日本葱頭
Okroes,	,,	140	—	羊角豆
Parsley, English,	bundle	10	—	洋芫荽
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty	20	—	番薯仔
,, Shanghai,	,,	—	—	上海番薯仔
,, Japan,	,,	—	—	日本番薯仔
,, American,	,,	30	—	花旗番薯仔
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A BANDSMAN'S DIFFICULTIES.

At Shoreditch Country Court, some weeks ago, Johann Oppenheim claimed 20s., one week's wages, from Gustav Hermann.—Plaintiff: I ask him for de móneys. He swears at me. He says, 'Go to dem Teufel!' (Laughter.)—Defendant: I did not pay. He played the trombone all wrong.—Plaintiff: Vat? You say I cannot the trombone play? Vy, I can all vind instruments spielen. You are von big humbug. (Laughter.)—Defendant: He vos mit us in the afternoon, the nachmittag. We played in Bedford-square. Suddenly he made oon terrible noise. It was awful—schrecklich! I say to him, 'You are drunk.' He says, 'Ye dare say that? I am not getrunken. It is your fool music paper which is wrong. Ten thousand fools must have written it.'—Plaintiff: Yes; I blay vat de baper said. It vos his fault. He put round de music. Ve blayed 'Estudiantina,' a valse; he put my music upside down. I am short-sighted. I blay vot I zee. There vos a noise. (Loud laughter.)—Defendant: If he had not been drunk he could have seen it was all wrong.—Plaintiff: He must have been drunk. Vot for else he put my music upside down? I blayed it—(laughter)—I blayed vat I zee. Is dat wrong?—Defendant: The noise was really dreadful. He would not stop. All the band left off. He still went playing. Fancy a solo on the trombone. (Laughter.)—Plaintiff: I blayed vat I zee. It gives me music for de trombone and I blay it. (Laughter.) Vat is on de music baper I blay.—Defendant: If he were not drunk he could have seen it was wrong. When he made that noise I sacked him. I said, 'You are not fit to play in my band;' he said, 'S'hall I go?' I said, 'Yes.'—Plaintiff: And I vent. (Laughter.) I played de notes vot vas on der music baper.—Defendant: And played them all wrong.—Plaintiff: You are oen big liar. I vos not drunk. You say I cannot blay. Here is my trombone. Shall I blay it here? (Loud laughter.)—Defendant: Thank you. I have heard one solo.—Eventually judgment was given for defendant.

AN AMERICAN SQUADRON IN A GALE.

THREE BLUEJACKETS DROWNED.

Charleston (South Carolina), Feb. 8.—Admiral Bunce's blockade squadron reached port to-day, after a disastrous voyage from Hampton Roads. Three men were lost overboard from the battle-ship *Maine* during the gale of Friday, one man was crushed to death on the cruiser *Marblehead*, another was fatally injured and six others were so badly hurt that several may lose limbs.

The details of the accident on the *Marblehead* are not obtainable, but it seems the cruiser made bad weather of the blow. To-night, as she lies off the jetties, she presents a dismantled appearance. Her forecastle is stove in and a portion of her superstructure and two hatches are carried away. The heavy seas that swept her decks also carried away her searchlight, lower port boom, smashed the rails and swept overboard the lifeboats. Carpenter Shawberle was crushed to death in the forecastle when it was wrecked by a monster wave, and Plumber Hickey had his skull crushed by the wreckage and probably will die. The six seamen who were injured are believed to have been hurt at the same time but the officers of the vessel are reticent as to the details of the accident. It is understood the injured men will be brought ashore for treatment to-morrow. Carpenter Shawbarle was buried at sea. The other vessels of the fleet show marks of their rough voyage, their upper works and deck hamper being damaged.

The squadron weighed anchor in the roads Thursday morning and put to sea. Friday evening the weather thickened, and by night was blowing a gale. The *Indiana* returned to the roads, owing to the condition of her turrets. The rest of the fleet, however, poked their noses into the storm and headed south. When about fifty miles off Hatteras the fleet felt the full force of the blow. Open squadron formation was maintained, and the vessels were put in order for a siege of weather.

The battleship *Maine* rolled in the big seas, the water washing her decks at every plunge. It was late Friday afternoon when the accident occurred which cost three seamen their lives. Three others were rescued only by prompt and heroic work. A gang of men was ordered forward to make more secure the lashings of the big guns. The deck was deluged and the wind was freshening every moment. The men were at work with the lashings, when an unusually heavy sea curled over her bows and swept aft. Six of the gang were picked up and carried overboard before they could escape the wave.

When the cry of 'Man overboard!' was carried back there was a scene of momentary confusion, but in an instant the splendid discipline of the crew was apparent.

Life buoys were cut loose, and the order given to get a boat overboard. The high seas made this work one of peril and difficulty, but a boat's crew under Naval Cadet Walter R. Gherardi, son of Rear-Admiral Gherardi, retired, was finally lowered, excellent seamanship alone preventing the frail craft from being crushed against the sides of the big battleship. While the engines had been reversed at the first signal from the bridge, the momentum of the ship had carried her some distance beyond the spot where the seamen were swept overboard, and the set of the current was carrying them further away every moment.

The ship's crew watched the rescuers as they pulled manfully in the heavy seas, the waves running so high that the little boat was at times hidden from the vessel's deck as it rushed down into the trough. Meantime the drowning men fought bravely, and three of them managed to keep afloat until their mates hauled them out of the water. They were Seaman Hassel, Cronan and Freeman.

The remaining three, Brown, Nelson and Kogel, were not to be seen. The lifeboat cruised back and forth over the sea, but the brave fellows had given up the struggle and met a sailor's fate. Cadet Gherardi and his boat's crew were highly complimented by the officers for their brave work.

Friday night the fleet had heavy weather of it, but managed to keep within signaling distance of one another. Toward morning the squadron was hove to and weathered out the rest of the gale in that manner. The officers say it was one of the worst gales the fleet has ever experienced.

The *Fern* made this port before the worst of the gale, being forty-eight hours ahead of her consorts in making harbor. The *Dolphin*, which came up from the south, arrived yesterday, and experienced no severe weather. A boat from the *Maine* came up to the city this evening with several officers. They visited the Collector of the Port and filed telegrams. A dispatch from Washington was awaiting Admiral Bunce, presumably from the Navy Department, in connection with the blockade manœuvres.

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DR HAFFKINE'S PROPHYLACTIC DISCOVERY AGAINST PLAGUE.

Dr Haffkine has, we see by a Bombay paper, arrived at a stage in his work at which it is possible, without rashness, to say that his prophylactic method promises to be a valuable protection against Plague. From the 10th of January to the 16th of February 704 persons had been inoculated, of which 170, nearly all prisoners, were inoculated in Byculla Jail. It is amongst these latter that the prophylactic efficacy of inoculation has been demonstrated. The inoculations were made on the 30th of January, when 154 of the prisoners voluntarily submitted themselves to the process. Plague had already gained a serious footing in the Jail; there had been several deaths, and the prospects, in an institution with about 350 inmates, were not to be contemplated without alarm. Three of the inoculated prisoners quickly died of the Plague; but one of them at the time of inoculation had already developed bubonic symptoms, and the two others showed them the same evening, so that the disease was either actively present or in a state of incubation in all three. Subsequently to inoculation two of the inoculated prisoners, who now number 151, were attacked with plague, but both survived; whilst amongst the 173 7-3 not inoculated—for that is the average number of this category over the period reported upon—there were twelve attacks and six deaths. The jail authorities are to be congratulated, says the journal referred to, upon the fact that there have been no new cases in either category since the 6th of the present month, when five non-inoculated and one inoculated prisoner were attacked. There have been deaths since that date, but no fresh cases, and in order to complete the history of the outbreak as influenced by the prophylactic treatment, it will be necessary to await the issue of the whole of the attacks. But enough has been learnt already to afford ground for the hope that a valuable protective agent has been placed at the service of the community by Dr Haffkine, and we should expect, as the first result of the publication of his report, that increasing numbers will now avail themselves of the opportunity of inoculation. The submission, since the issue of the report, of a member of the Bombay Government and of a number of other prominent citizens, shows that there is a growing confidence in Dr Haffkine's treatment, and, so far, the facts justify this confidence.

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The zero of the table is Low Water Ordinary Spring Tides, which has been found to be 2 feet below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 5 ft. 7 in., and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 12 ft. 9 in. to the height given in the table.

18th to 24th March.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Waters. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Thur.	18	m 8 57	3 1	m 3 2	—1 0
		8 52 a	4 12	2 31 a	0 0
Fri.	19	m 9 51	3 8	m 3 33	—0 10
		9 42 a	4 6	3 21 a	—0 7
Sat.	20	m 9 50	4 2	m 4 1	—0 6
		10 33 a	4 3	4 9 a	—1 0
Sun.	21	m 10 14	4 7	m 4 23	—0 1
		11 27 a	3 7	5 0 a	—1 2
Mon.	22	m 11 8	4 10	m 4 55	0 4
				5 57 a	—1 2
Tues.	23	m 50 27	2 10	m 5 17	0 9
		m 11 44	4 11	7 2 a	—0 11
Wed.	24	m 1 42	2 1	m 5 33	1 3
		0 19 a	4 10	8 27 a	—0 8

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Amoy Inner Harbour.

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"ASIATIC STATION.

"Squadron Notice to Mariners, No. 4." "U.S. Flagship OLYMPIA, Nagasaki, Japan, December 28, 1896.

"The following hydrographic information is published for the guidance of Commanding Officers:—

"AMOY HARBOR.

"1.—A rock with a depth on it of 10 feet, 11 inches, at mean low water, lies in the following position:

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"Thumb Rock to southernmost perch on Amoy side, 44° 30'.

"2.—A rock reported as existing to the westward of the above has been swept for, but not found.

"3.—The pagoda on Hau Seu (Monkey Island), marked upon the chart, does not exist.

"(Signed) F. V. McNAIR,
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Steamers.								
Albingia	5 c	Witt	Ger. str.	1190	Mar. 13	Wieler & Co.		
Amara	2 c	Kent	Brit. str.	1566	Mar. 9	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saigon	To-day
Arratoon Apcar	5 k	Sundberg	Brit. str.	1302	Mar. 12	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore & Calcutta	20th inst.
Belgic		Rinder	Brit. str.	2695	Jan. 28	O. & O. S. S. Co.		Cos'tan Dock
Benmohr	3 k	Butillier	Brit. str.	1935	Feb. 2	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Brindisi	5 k	Wickenden	Brit. str.	2265	Mar. 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Kobe	19th inst.
City of Peking	5 c	Smith	Amer. str.	3128	Mar. 15	P. M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco	23rd inst.
Decima	4 c	Christensen	Ger. str.	965	Mar. 15	Siemssen & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Deucalion	5 k	Branch	Brit. str.	1374	Mar. 11	Butterfield & Swire		
Doris	3 c	Lorensen	Ger. str.	750	Mar. 12	Jebsen & Co.		
Federation	5 c	Prentice	Brit. str.	1570	Mar. 3	Lauts, Wegener & Co.		
Frejr	3 c	Funder	Danish str.	390	Mar. 5	Order		
Guadalquivir	2 k	Vincenti	Fren. str.	1520	Mar. 15	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	To-day
Hailoong	5 h	Davies	Brit. str.	783	Mar. 17	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Hanoi		Gerard	Fch. str.	739	Mar. 6	A. R. Marty		5'Toon Dock
Helene Rickmers	8 k	Brandstetter	Ger. str.	1964	Mar. 11	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Kobe	20th inst.
Hikosan Maru	8 c	Hallstrom	Japan. str.	2269	Mar. 13	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		
Hiroshima Maru	7 c	Shimadzu	Japan. str.	2051	Mar. 15	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Singapore & Bombay	To-morrow
Hunan	6 c	Frazer	Brit. str.	1168	Feb. 14	Butterfield & Swire		
Idzumi Maru	5 c	Curnow	Japan. str.	1979	Mar. 15	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Yokohama	To-morrow
Kachidate Maru		Narasaki	Japan. str.	2143	Feb. 16	Mitsui Bussan Kaisha		K'loon Dock
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Sungkiang	5 c	Dodd	Brit. str.	994	Mar. 15	Butterfield & Swire		
Tsinan	5 c	Ramsay	Brit. str.	1495	Mar. 13	Butterfield & Swire		
Victoria	6 c	Panton	Brit. str.	1992	Mar. 11	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Tacoma, &c.	23rd inst.
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Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	3500	Comd. C. J. Kingsmill	Hongkong
Centurion*	twin-screw battle ship	10,500	41	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	K'loon Dock
Daphne	sloop	1146	16	2000	Commander MacArthur	Manila
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defenc	363	9	200	Lt.-Com. H. P. Barton	Ichang
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	465	6	360	Lieut.-Com. Vernon Maud	Hongkong
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	36	12,000	Captain R. P. Jones	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	6 0	—	800	Commander F. W. Wyley	Hongkong
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Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	7781	32	9500	Captain Rasherinoff	Yokohama
Africa	Portuguese transport	1993	—	—	Capt. Antonio Sergio de Souz	Macao
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	780	Captain Parenego	Vladivostock
Algor	French cruiser	4000	30	8000	Captain Bentat	Shanghai
Arcona	German cruiser	2300	18	2400	Captain Becker	Foochow
Aspic	French gunboat	475	4	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	6010	26	4400	Commander Fortin	Saigon
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	462	5	400	Capt. A. T. Da Costa e Silva	Macao
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	13	1150	Captain Molas	Nagasaki
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3500	Captain F. Wildes	Chemulpo
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Irene	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Commander du Bois	Nagasaki
Isly	French cruiser	4800	22	8000	Captain Pillot	Tourane
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	15	7800	Captain Zeye	Nagasaki
Koningin Wilhelmina	Nederland cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. W. J. Derx	Yokohama
Korojets	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Capt. Lindestroem	Yokohama
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1330	13	1200	Capt. Bektemisheff	Nagasaki
Lion	French gunboat	500	6	500	Lieutenant Gruchet	Saigon
Machias	U. S. cruiser	1200	16	1600	Commander Mackenzie	Hongkong
Manila	Spanish transport	1057	2	1000	Captain Vinuya	Manila
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1300	9	1400	Commander Andruff	Nagasaki
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	850	Com. Reisinger	Tientsin
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5800	14	13,500	Captain J. J. Read	On a cruise
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	12	2000	Captain Radloff	Shanghai
Pamlat Azova	Russian cruiser	6060	38	6000	Captain Virenius	Nagasaki
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1841	10	—	Commander Koppel	Hongkong
Pluvier	French gunboat	645	6	450	Lieut.-Commander Vidal	Bangkok
Princess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Captain Thiele	Yokohama
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3090	18	4800	Captain Jose Werlein	Manila
Rurik	Russian flagship	11,500	48	13,500	Comdr. Bostanjoff	Nagasaki
Silatch	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Baranoff	Vladivostock
Sivootch	Russian cruiser	950	13	1150	Captain Alexeeff	Vladivostock
Vipere	French gunboat	480	4	420	Lieutenant Carnot	Bangkok
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	550	9	3500	Capt. Rotnila	Nagasaki
Yorktown	U. S. cruiser	1700	15	3600	Commander Miertsing	Nagasaki
Zabijaka	Russian cruiser	1280	12	1470	Commander Vendenkoff	Nagasaki

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—MARCH 17, 1897.

Stocks.	*No. of Shares.*	*Value.*	*Paid up.*	*Closing Quotations, Cash.*
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000 $	125	all	167 ½ prom. = $333.75, buyers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited { preference shares	33,950 £	5 £		5 nom.
" ordinary "	199,575 £	8 £	2.10	nom.
" deferred "	1,250 £	10 £		3 ¼-5, sellers
National Bank of China, Limited	... £	1		
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.	10,000 $	250 $	50	$187½, sales and sellers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld.	24,000 $	83.33 $	25	79, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.	5,000 £	100 £	25	195, sellers
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.	30,000 $	100 $	20	$20
Union Insurance Society, Ld.	10,000 $	250 $	50	$235, sales and sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000 $	100 $	60	$168, sales and buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	20,000 $	100 $	20	$167, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld.	8,000 $	250 $	50	$370, buyers
DOCK.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500 $	125	all	244 ½ prm. = $439, buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000 $	50	all	$77, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000 $	50	all	$62, sales and sellers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000 $	10	10	$34½, sales
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000 £	10	all	$46, buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co.	20,000 £	10 £	10	£7, buyers
Do. (new issue).	20,000 £	10 £	5	£2.10
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000 $	100	all	$140, buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000 $	100	all	$41, sales
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000 $	50	all	$60, sales and buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited.	2,600 $	100 $	37½	$43½, sellers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.	50,000 $	100 $	50	$77, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company,	6,000 $	50 $	30	$16, sales
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co.	25,400 $	10	all	$8½
West Point Building Co., Limited.	12,500 $	50 $	40	$20, sellers
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250 $	100	all	$95, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld.	40,000 $	5	all	$2.25, sales
Punjom Mining Co., Ld.	60,000 $	4	all	$5, sellers
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	12,000 Frcs.	500	all	$75, sellers
New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ld.	50,000 $	1	all	$2.25, sellers / $2.90, sellers
" " Preference shares	75,000 $	1		
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000 £	1	13/10	$14½, sellers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.	A 15,000 $	5 $	5	$11, buyers
	B 20,000 $	5 $	2½	$5½, sales and sellers
	25,000 $	5 $		
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500 $	100 $	55	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liq.	6,000 $	50	all	in liq.
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Lt.	12,000 $	50	all	$35, sales
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.	60,000 $	10	all	$12.50, sellers
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Ld. in Liq.	50,000 $	5	all	in liquidation
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000 £	10	all	$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited.	30,000 $	10 $	8	$8, sales and sellers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000 $	10 $	10	$26, sales
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	3,000 £	1 £	1	$9
	7,000 £	1 £	15/-	$8
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited.	1,200 $	10	all	$3, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000 $	25 $	25	$33, buyers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld.	600 $	50	all	$30
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	10,000 $	7½ $	5	$5, nom.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.	5,000 $	25	all	$109, buyers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000 $	50	all	$150, ex div.
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	10,000 Tls.	100	Tls 100	Tls. 9
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld.	10,000 Tls.	100	Tls 100	Tls. 92½
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000 Tls.	100	Tls 100	Tls. 92½, sellers
Carmichael & Co., Ld.	2,000 $	25	$ 20	$8
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld.	2,000 Tls.	500	Tls 500	Tls. 525

* Founder's shares

LOANS.	*Amount.*	*Value.*	*Interest.*	*Quotation.*
Chinese Imperial 1896 s.	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 % p. annum	10 % prem.

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